

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2002-364-C; 2008-401-C - ORDER NO. 2009-139

MARCH 5, 2009

IN RE: Application of Touchtone Communications, Inc. for Authority to Operate as a Reseller Of Interexchange Telecommunications	)	ORDER GRANTING REINSTATEMENT WITH CONDITION
	)	
Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff for Commission to Order a Rule to Show Cause as to Why the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for Certain Providers of Telecommunications Services Should Not Be Revoked - USF Reports	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request of Touchtone Communications, Inc. (“Touchtone” or “the Company”) for reinstatement of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“the Certificate”) to provide interexchange telecommunications in the State of South Carolina. The Company’s Certificate was revoked by Order No. 2009-58 for failure to file the proper Universal Service Fund (“USF”) report, which is a 2008 South Carolina Universal Service Fund Contribution Worksheet (“the worksheet”). The worksheet was due on July 1, 2008.

The Company has now filed its USF worksheet, and seeks reinstatement of its Certificate. The Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) does not oppose reinstatement, but states that the reinstatement should be conditioned on Touchtone contributing to the USF

for those months that the Company would have paid, based on a timely filing of its USF worksheet to ensure equitable treatment for all contributing carriers.

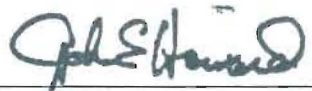
We agree. We hereby reinstate Touchtone's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Carolina, conditioned upon payment to the Universal Service Fund of any amounts for the months that the Company would have paid if it had filed its USF worksheet in a timely manner. We do believe that this will ensure equitable treatment for all contributing carriers. We would request that ORS provide a status report to this Commission as to payment or non-payment within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
John E. Howard, Vice Chairman  
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